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In re Patent Application of:  
Coke Reed et al.

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For: SCALABLE APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR INCREASING THROUGHPUT IN  
MULTIPLE LEVEL MINIMUM LOGIC  
NETWORKS USING A PLURALITY OF  
CONTROL LINES

Examiner: J. A. Kading

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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